

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: METHOD OF CHARGING FINE-GRAINED  
METALS INTO AN ELECTRIC-ARC  
FURNACE

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Examiner: Q. T. Van

**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

July 28, 2009

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated June 2, 2009, please reconsider the above-identified based on the following remarks:

**A Listing of Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.